Delhi airport is broadly as follows :

| | | (in acres) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Operational | 1999.23 |
| 2 | Commercial | 230.84 |
| 3 | Residential | 92.49 |
| 4 | Land under encroachment | 25.00 |
| 5 | Land yet to be handed over to AAI by land Acquisition Office | 86.00 |
| 6 | Vacant land for future development | 2597.00 |
| 7 | Others | 19.44 |
| | Total | 5050.00 |

*[Translation]*

**News Correspondents**

212. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts of News Correspondents existing under his Ministry at present;

(b) whether new recruitments have been made during the last three years, and

(c) if so, the details thereof, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c). There are 57 posts of Correspondents in All India and 15 posts of TV News Correspondent and 33 posts of TV Assistant News Correspondent in Doordarshan. 57 posts of Corespondent in All India Radio belong to different grades of Indian Information Service. There is as such no specific recruitment for the post of Correspondent in All India Radio. These posts form part of cadre strength of Indian Information Service. Candidates are made available by Union Public Service Commission every year for Indian Information Service as per recruitment of the cadre. Officers available in the cadre are posted in the post of Correspondent as also in other posts of this service, as per administrative and functional requirements. There was no recruitment of TV News Correspondents/TV Assistant News Correspondents in Doordarshan during the last three years.

*[English]*

**Telecom in Bihar**

213. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :
SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated by the Union Government to Bihar Telecommunications during 1995-96;

(b) the amount out of it utilised/surrendered by the State;

(c) the reasons for surrendering the amount earmarked for improvement of telecom in the State;

(d) whether some other Telecom Circles of the country have also surrendered any amount out of the allocations made by the Union Government during the above period, and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Rs. 228.36 Crores had been allotted to Bihar Telecom Circle during 1995-96.

(b) The Bihar Telecom Circle utilised Rs. 190.43 Crores and surrendered Rs. 37.93 Crores during 1995-96.

(c) The surrender has been warranted on account of nonreceipt of large number of equipments before the end of the financial year 1995-96.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Following four Telecom Circles have also surrendered some of their budget allocation for 1995-96 :

| Name of Circle | Amount (Rs. Crs.) |
|---|---|
| Madhya Pradesh | 55.00 |
| Calcutta Projects | 40.00 |
| ALTIC Ghaziabad | 1.72 |
| Telecom Factory Jabalpur | 0.49 |

The surrender has been warranted on account of non-receipt of telecom equipments before the end of the financial year 1995-96.

**Re-sale of used Railway Tickets**

214. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vigilance Department of Railway during the raids had noticed re-sale of used railway tickets by the Station Master of Brahma Vart (Uttar Pradesh), and

(b) if so, the steps taken against the accused and precautionary measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Station Master has been placed under suspension and DAR action has been taken. Preventive surprise and decoy checks by Commercial and Vigilance Organisations are conducted on a regular and sustained basis to tackle such irregularities.